



Santos Gonzales

January 19, 1937 - December 28, 2023

Santos Gonzales, 86, of Tanglewood/Rockdale, Texas died peacefully in Bryan, Texas on December 28, 2023.

Santos was born January 19, 1937 in Paige, Texas, to Andres O. and Maria Gonzales. He was a graduate of Giddings High School in 1955 and was a bronze medalist in pole-vaulting at the Texas State Track Meet. He attended Blinn Junior College on a track scholarship. He was a Navy Veteran stationed in Monterey, California. He was a standout pitcher for his base's softball team. His final tour was abroad the U.S.S. Midway in Vietnam. While stationed in Monterey, he met Eleanor Gonzales and they were married on November 15, 1960 in Watsonville, CA. They had five daughters. The family moved to Texas where he retired as a computer programmer with Alcoa-Rockdale Works after 35 years. He was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Council #7014-Rockdale, St. Joseph Catholic Church, served as treasurer of the Tanglewood Volunteer Fire Department and member of the VFW Post 6525. He enjoyed starting small businesses including selling portable buildings, preparing income taxes, Gonzo's Tamales, S&E Rentals, Tanglewood Grocery, catering and selling watermelons, vegetables and cords of wood from his farm. He assisted families in becoming first time homeowners and assisted non-profit organizations with their fundraisers by selling tamales, BBQ chicken plates and beans, and homemade flour tortillas. He was a dedicated fan of the Dallas Cowboys, Texas Longhorns, Texas Rangers, and

Rockdale Tigers. His favorite past times were spending time with family, playing the accordion, listening to Mexican music, watching Mexican movies, dancing, making pit BBQ, canning vegetables, making homemade wine and capirotda, butchering and smoking ham, bacon and sausage, and giving tours of his farm.

He is preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers-Militon, Domingo, Antonio "Tony", Zacharias "Zac", Angel, Alberto "Sonny" and Liborio "Lobo" and two sisters, Enedina "Dina" and Rosa "Chita".

Survivors are his wife, Eleanor Gonzales of Rockdale, TX; five daughters, Diana Gonzales Worthen (Shannon) of Springdale, AR; Lydia Gonzales Andrade (Moises) of Kilgore, TX; Helen Flores (Lupe) of Temple, TX; Maria Tovar of Rockdale, TX; and Linda Gonzales-Onofre (Alejandro) of Longview, TX; two brothers, Reyes "Ray" Gonzales of Pflugerville, TX; Jose "Joe" F. Gonzales (Mercedes) of San Antonio, TX; two sisters, Rosario "Chayo" Maldonado (Armando) of Wimberly, TX; and Concepcion "Connie" Villarreal of Gulf Breeze, Florida; 16 grandchildren, Veronica Green (Willie); Steven Flores (Karen); Elizabeth Shafer (Will); Jennifer Wells; Jon Woodbridge; Comilino "Reno" Yanes (Jessica); Christopher "Crittter" Yanes (Jackie); Laticia Olivarez (Carlos); Connie Flores; Santos Gonzales (Selene); Laura Worthen; Eleanor Essary (Samuel); Lindsey Magedoff; Alejandro Onofre Jr.; Antonio Onofre; Nicolas Onofre; 28 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Pallbearers include Steven Flores, Santos Gonzales, Christopher "Crittter" Yanes, Laura Worthen, Alejandro Onofre Jr. and Zavion Burgess. Honorary pallbearers are Reyes "Ray" Gonzales, Jose "Joe" F. Gonzales, Rudy Gutierrez, Bill Gonzales, Chris Gonzales and Richard Gonzales.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. with Rosary at 6:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings, TX.

On Thursday, January 4, 2024 visitation will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home and Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. at St. Margaret Catholic Church in Giddings, TX. with Father Miguel Duarte officiating. Burial with military honors provided by the Giddings American Legion York Post 276 will immediately follow in the Giddings City Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in memory of Santos Gonzales to Holy Family Catholic Church CCD Classes, P.O. Box 541, Lexington, TX 78947, Lee County Texas Veterans Association, P.O. Box 325, Giddings, TX 78942, or the Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Rd., S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section G)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Rosary

JAN 3. 6:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Visitation

JAN 4. 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Catholic Church
526 S. Grimes
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Santos Gonzales*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - January 03, 2024 at 11:03 AM

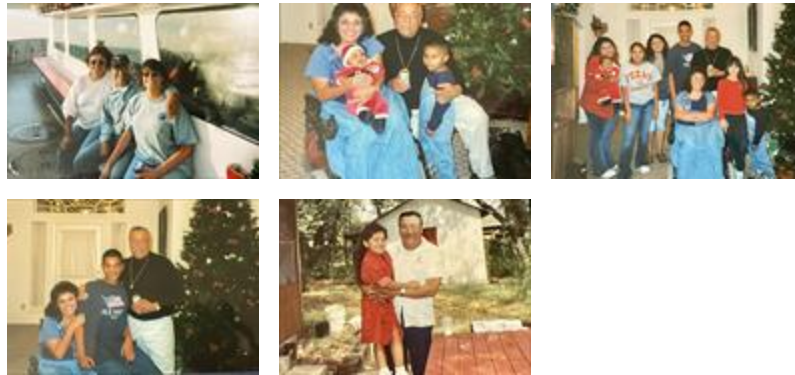
PB

A mighty man he was. What a lovely tribute.

Patricia Brown - January 03, 2024 at 10:07 PM

HF

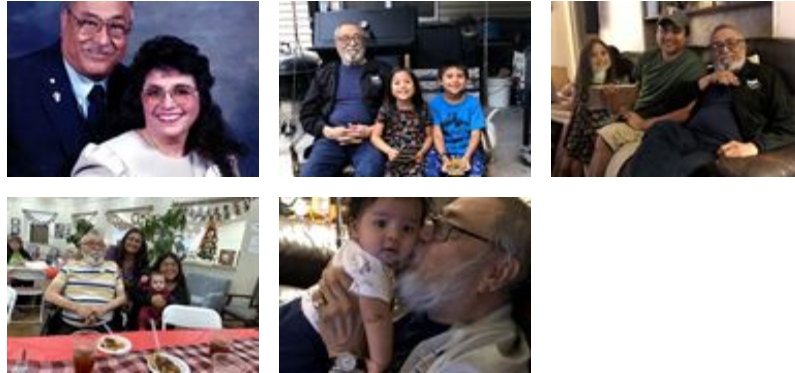
“ *9 files added to the tribute wall*



Helen Flores - January 05, 2024 at 09:29 PM



“ 73 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - January 03, 2024 at 10:54 AM

MM

We will never forget you brother. Am sure you are surrounded by family Angels including our Parents and Grandparents. Prayers for all the souls.

Maria Maldonado - January 09, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Santos Gonzales.



January 03, 2024 at 02:27 AM

IM

“ Irma Manzanares lit a candle in memory of Santos Gonzales



Irma Cantu Manzanares - January 02, 2024 at 12:46 PM

CJ

“ *Crystal & Connie Johnson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Santos Gonzales.*



Crystal & Connie Johnson - January 02, 2024 at 12:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Santos Gonzales.*



January 02, 2024 at 12:00 PM

TM

“ *Teresa Muniz lit a candle in memory of Santos Gonzales*



Teresa Siegeler Muniz - January 02, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Santos Gonzales.*



January 02, 2024 at 05:46 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Santos Gonzales.*



January 01, 2024 at 09:20 PM



“ *Cindy EZ Nails planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Santos Gonzales.*

Cindy EZ Nails - January 01, 2024 at 09:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Santos Gonzales.*



January 01, 2024 at 09:05 PM



“ *Remembering Al and I visiting Santos and Eleanor at their farm. Santos proudly showing his latest garden treasures, and his fun loving goats including his genius engineered devices for feeding and watering them. Eleanor graciously showed her art and remembered her joy of sharing her art studio with the grandchildren. Their lasting love and respect for each other was truly a model to all who met them.*

Martha Gonzales - December 30, 2023 at 12:22 PM

AF

“ *Aretha Flores lit a candle in memory of Santos Gonzales*



Aretha Flores - December 30, 2023 at 09:49 AM